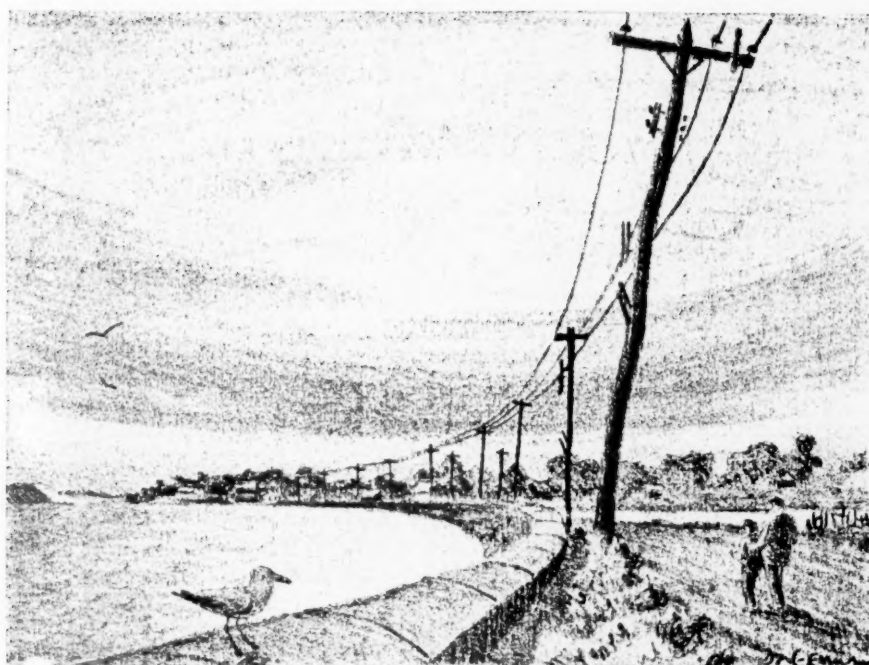


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This Small World

The November issue of the Forum
(page 215) mentioned a Joseph A.
Imhof whom I believe is my old
friend. He was in Holland at that
time (1901-3) getting material for
drawing for the Hudson-Fulton
celebration to be held in New York.
He now lives in Taos, New Mexico,
where he has had a home for many
years.

Joseph Keppler,
La Jolla, California.

Editor's Note: Subscriber Kep-
pler has reference to Dr. Wood's
letter mentioning the return of a
bottle, tossed into the Hudson
in 1901 by William H. Macomber
of Greenport (whose name and ad-
dress it contained) and returned
two years later by Mr. Imhof.

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Remembers Bicycle Railroad

In its November 3d edition, Life
Magazine carried an article in re-
gard to one-rail trains, in which it
stated that only one operating mon-
orail was ever built. This statement
is not correct, for, as in many
things, Long Island was first in
this instance.

I have a distinct recollection of
an event that occurred about sixty
years ago. The Boynton Bicycle
Railroad Company established a
one-rail train and built a one-rail
track at East Patchogue, then
called Dunton, and now Hagerman.

This track went in a southerly
direction for about three miles with
an underpass at the Old South
Country road and one car was
successfully operated. This car was
so long that it could not be trans-
ported by freight, so was brought
from Brooklyn or New York City
on a truck, drawn by 25 or 30 oxen
which proceeded along the Mon-
tauk highway and created a great
deal of comment at the time.

A. C. Edwards,
Sayville.

In its July 1939 issue the Forum
carried a story on the Boynton Bi-
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Gulls Are Worth Watching

HAVE you ever noticed the unconcern of a sea gull (Herring Gull) for the squabbles and fights of lesser winged creatures? The lack of interest is superb as the gaze remains straight ahead into the farthest horizon. If the uproar and contention becomes too boisterous or too near, a few menacing gestures on the part of the gull usually disperses the rabble. Gulls maintain a calm, cloistered attitude free from the infinite bickerings of the ordinary run of birds. They seem to cultivate this posture as an indication of elegance and refinement.

Gulls discard all dignity, however, when they bathe in fresh water. I like to watch them in the reflection pools to the east and west of the Tower at Jones Beach. This is an early morning ritual, a before-breakfast nicety, accompanied by endless jabberings and exchanges of gossip and confidences. In fact the birds do not sound like gulls at all as they indulge themselves in toiletry and the intimacies of the bath. They chatter in soft sweet tones more like small birds settling down for the night. Each tends strictly to his or her own business while keeping up a delicate repartee. When all have concluded their ablutions, they lazily fly to a parking field where they dry while waddling around like pompous, berobed priests.

We do not find many gulls on our beaches until after the warm nights of July. During the few earlier months they have been absorbed in parental duties up north. When they return to the cooler nights, the new generation comes along with them. The youngsters for the first year have a dirty brown color, a mottled brown. The adults are white with bluish gray backs and

Julian Denton Smith

Editor's Note

Besides being secretary-treasurer of the Nassau County Historical Society, president of the Long Island Chapter, S. of A.R., a church organist and a businessman, the author is an avid observer of nature. Like Thoreau's outdoor studies at Walden Pond, he studies the wild life of the barrier beaches and has the knack of describing interestingly what he sees.

in the feathering of the male and female.

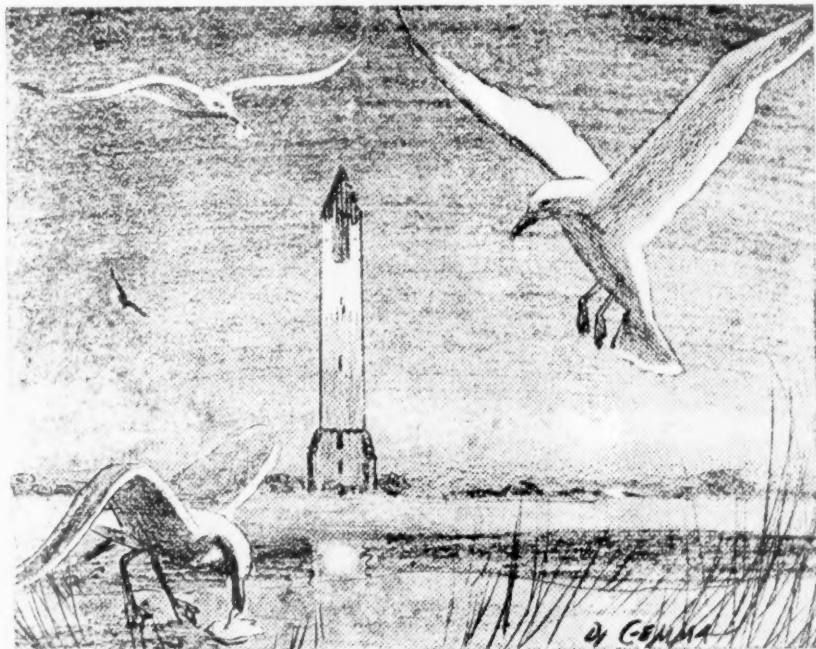
black edges to the wings and tail. There is little difference

Sea gulls can usually stay hale and hearty on a diet of fish, shellfish and various sorts of clams. When the bay freezes over in winter they show up on the mainland taking whatever food appears at hand and is not nailed down. In summer Jones Beach offers a generous and lavish smorgasbord. There is an endless variety of tidbits in every trash

basket, home-cooked snacks at the fireplaces, and sometimes tender corn-on-the-cob at picnic fires among the dunes—everywhere things to eat!

Clams, skimmers, periwinkles and kindred mollusks constitute no shell problem to hungry gulls. The birds fly with the shellfish in their bills—not grasped by the feet—and drop them on hard sand, roadways, rocks, and even empty swimming pools. The gulls develop a remarkable marksmanship and get so they can almost drop a clam on a dime. They follow the fall and descend upon the smashed shells to tear the meat free. They become very tame and often refuse to fly up from the traffic lanes at the approach of cars. The feet are webbed for swimming and not fitted for grasping except to awkwardly assist the bill in tearing flesh apart for eating.

Gulls leave the ground and the water by mounting up in-



GULLS OF JONES BEACH

Painted and Etched by Di Gemma

to the wind, the same as do airplanes. They rest and sleep facing into the wind. Even when they are at ease in a sheltered place they still keep their heads in the direction of the wind although they only sense and not feel it. This heading into the wind must be a protective measure to prevent lost motion in case of sudden need to be up and away.

Sea gulls at rest do not appear to be especially annoyed by human beings so long as the action remains constant. If a person is walking, all is well until he stops or changes his gait. Then the birds become worried, shift about, and finally fly off. Unusual noises bother them, noises such as clapping the hands, yelling or singing.

I always enjoy coming upon sea gulls asleep. They are scattered irregularly over the sand and look for all the world like bumps or rocks. They hate to be aroused in the dark and sometimes I almost tread on them, unknowingly, before they sound an alarm or strain to get into the air.

There seems no doubt that gulls play in their natural element, the air. When a stiff breeze or wind is up, they sail around for hours without moving a wing. Often they remain absolutely still in one spot until a change in wind velocity interrupts their composure. They appear to delight in this accomplishment. Sometimes in summer they will suddenly rise up from the marsh and spiral upward on outstretched wings as high and as long as the ascending current of air bears them aloft. I have seen them go up out of sight without a single wing beat.

I have noticed only one thing that actually scares sea gulls. All will be perfectly peaceful and normal along the shore, the surf alone breaking the silence, when far down the beach a helicopter appears a fraction of a minute before the motor can be heard. The gulls spot it and immediately become nervous. As it nears

they race across the sand in all directions, helter-skelter, wings beating madly to assist in the wild scampering. As soon as the copter passes, the wings beating madly to assist

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For more than two decades following the end of the Civil War the schooner *Marietta* Smith was one of the best known and most popular craft which berthed at Greenport's Main Street wharf. She was a model of elegance. She was also fast, always giving her consorts ample opportunity to read the name on her stern.

Especially designed for the oyster and fruit trade, the *Marietta* Smith slid from the ways at Fair Haven, Conn. in August 1852. Under the command of a Captain Bettsworth she was successful in making quick trips South and back.

During her long career she foundered, went ashore and was struck by lightning, but survived all three experiences.

After docking fourteen years at Fair Haven, she was sold to Greenport. Twenty years later she was transferred to Sag Harbor.

It was in 1866 that she was purchased by Captain Samuel Truman Preston and others of Greenport and vicinity.

Let us pause a while on the deck of the *Marietta* Smith and study the lineage of "Trume" Preston and his brother Moses who directed her migrations for twenty years.

They were sons of Levi and Sally A. (Tuthill) Preston. Levi was born at Ashford, Conn. in 1808. He came to Eastern Long Island as a

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood

Editor's Note

Again our senior contributing editor seems to have rung the bell with this account of a Long Island sailing vessel and its captain. Reading about the sturdy craft, one comes to realize just how much these old time east-enders enjoyed a good time.

young man and taught school at Rocky Point (East Marion), Shelter Island, Ashamomoque and Greenport. At Rocky Point he met and married Sally Tuthill of an old South-old family. In May, 1833, they located at Greenport where he long served as police justice.

They had seven children and 29 grandchildren. She died Feb. 1, 1888; he, Oct. 10, 1892.

"Trume", their eldest son, married in 1860 Julia A. Hall of Riverhead. Their children numbered eight and included George B. Preston, one time mayor of Greenport whose memory is perpetuated by a plaque on the wall of its Methodist church.

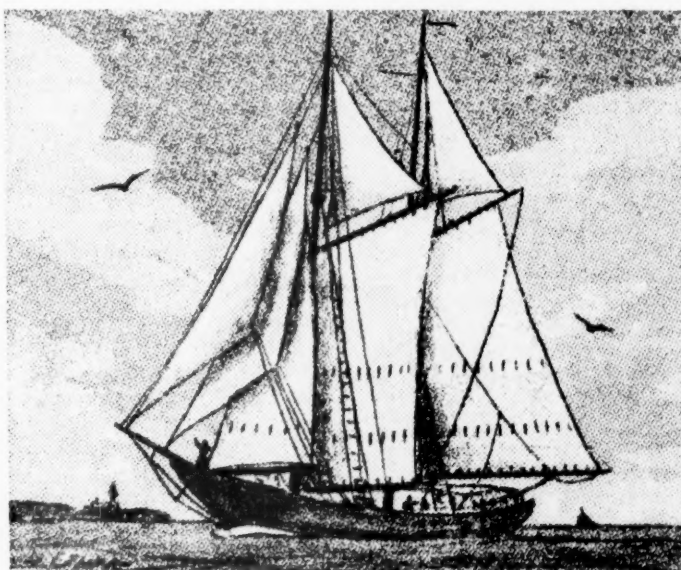
Captain Preston died May

10, 1912, in his 72nd year. Julia died the 10th of the following December, aged 74. Their daughter Nellie is the wife of Benjamin B. Rogers who conducts the ship chandlery near the wharf, which the Prestons long owned.

When he brought the *Marietta* Smith to Greenport, Captain Preston was a young man of 25 and six years married. It was he who seventeen years thereafter, as her temporary "admiral" guided the aged and outmoded battleship *Ohio* on her last voyage to the same dock soon to be dismantled (Forum Sept. 1950).

After overhauling, the schooner with Captain "Trume" in command made several successful trips to the West Indies for fruit and cigars. She was thereafter for a time kept busy in the oyster trade and general freighting.

About 1882, Captain Preston having become firmly established as a ship broker, sold his interest in the schooner to his brother Moses



OLD TIME EAST END SCHOONER

Etched by Di Gemma

B. Preston. The latter was in her command for seven years until 1889, when she was sold to V. L. Bates of Sag Harbor, who continued her in coasting trade.

During her long years at Greenport the Marietta Smith carried many excursion parties on fishing trips, to camp meetings and to the Centennial Exposition of 1876.

Every summer for a number of years during the 1870s, the owners and invited guests, always with Captain Trume in command took a cruise of several days duration in the popular boat to such places as Block Island, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and other points of interest.

One of the cruising parties of the early 1870s included John Smith Howell, James E. Horton, R. T. Goldsmith, Davis Goldsmith, Lewis R. Case, Franklin H. Overton and Jesse G. Case all of Peconic; Stuart T. Terry of Southold; Jeremiah G. Tuthill of Cutchogue; James Lupton, Thomas A. Hallock and John F. Horton all of Mattituck; Charley L. Case and Elbert Horton both of Greenport; J. F. Corwin of Baiting Hollow; former County Judge Henry P. Hedges of Bridgehampton; Hon. E. A. Carpenter of Sag Harbor; James Kerr of Brooklyn and S. D. Smith and J. F. Tuthill.

To a camp meeting on Martha's Vineyard the Marietta Smith sailed Aug. 26, 1875, stopping also at Nantucket. The trip ticket cost ten dollars. In the party were George H. Wells, Samuel Dickerson, Halsey Tuthill, Benjamin Fitz, Willis Horton and Oliver Benjamin Goldsmith, all of Southold and westward.

The fifth annual such cruise occurred in August, 1878. The Marietta Smith left for the "East" at eleven o'clock on the morning of the fifth and returned on the fourteenth. Near Nantucket, Saturday morning August 10, all on board organized themselves as "The Great American Hash Eaters."

Of those who had sailed on

the Marietta Smith five years before there were on board in 1878, Judge Hedges, Jeremiah G. Tuthill, James Lupton, John F. Horton, Thomas A. Hallock, Stuart T. Terry, James E. Horton, John Smith Howell, Franklin H. Overton, Davis Goldsmith, Lewis R. Case, Jesse G. Case and James Kerr.

New names among the Hash Eaters of 1878 were James H. Tuthill, Timothy H. Griffing and George W. Cooper all of Riverhead; Oliver Benjamin Goldsmith of Cutchogue; Barnabas H. Booth and Alfred F. Tuthill, both of Southold; Robert Jefferson and Theron Oscar Worth both of Peconic; Benjamin F. Jayne of Setauket; Theodore E. Bowne of Middletown, N. J.; David E. Swan and W. G. Reeves both of Montclair, N. J.; S. Warren Sneden and William Burrett, both of Brooklyn.

Many of the Hash Eaters were also members of another group who called themselves the "Peconic Veterans". Until the command of the Marietta Smith was transferred by Captain Trume to his brother Captain Moses Preston, the veteran cruisers had usually taken their famous trips on that ship.

In August, 1883, most of the Hash Eaters sailed from the Southold dock for the coast of Maine with Captain Charles M. Reeve in his schooner the B. F. Jayne, which name it is to be noted was that of the Setauket Hash Eater of 1878. Captain Trume served as associate pilot and navigator. Charles Griffin was mate. H. C. Tuthill prepared the hash

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Land Deals on Ye Little Neck

I HAVE spoken before of the fact that Col. William (Tangier) Smith fell in love with the neck of land on the north side of Brookhaven town, known as Ye Little Neck. He was able to buy it, however, only because the owners were having boundary disputes which could be decided by selling to an individual.

It is surprising to see from the old town records how frequently the lands on Ye Little Neck changed hands between the settlement of the town in 1655 and Col. Smith's first purchase there. Thanks to Miss Winifred Strong, I have some very interesting data on these early purchases.

In a deed dated March 25, 1689 John Wood conveyed for "divers good causes and considerations, and 15 pounds" to Col. William Smith, four acres of upland on the northwest side of Ye Little Neck.

Col. Smith's next purchase was dated December 2, 1689. It was from the Richard Floyds, Sr. and Jr. and took the form of a swap of two three-acre lots in the Old Field which Smith gave for two five-acre lots in Ye Little Neck. Evidently land in the Old Field was more valuable than that on the neck.

On November 29, 1690 John Wood sold for 20 pounds to Col. Smith a five-acre lot on the east side of the Neck, bounded by Nortons and the late Andrew Miller.

April 16, 1691 Abram Dayton sold to Col. Smith two acres on Ye Little Neck for "divers good causes and considerations and fourtie and two pounds tenn shillings in good and merchantable Countreie pay". It is a curious thing that although it was dated April 16, the deed states that Dayton had bought the land on April 23rd from John

Kate Wheeler Strong

Biggs. Dayton also states that he "encloses this deed" from John Biggs and Elizabeth his wife, but it is dated April 25, 1691. I would like to know how much Abram Dayton made on this deal which certainly was a quick turnover. But alas, it only says "especially for satisfaction received".

June 10, 1691 Samuel Smith and "Hanah" his wife sold to Col. Smith five acres on Ye Little Neck for the usual "divers causes and considerations and tenn pounds." It took the Col. many more purchases (30 in all) to acquire what he eventually owned on the Neck. Here is part of one of the subsequent deeds which is indeed a complicated instrument:

August 6, 1695 Col. Smith traded with Joseph Tooker a three-acre lot in the Old Field for five acres on the Neck. "He conveys a five acre Lott of Upland Lying and being Situate at the foote of a certayne field with the Town Bounds Commonly called the Neck which was my father's Lott & the one Moytie thereof give to me

and other Moytie by him sold to John Hallock & by me purchased of the same Hallock."

Truly, though they did not have modern amusements, those early settlers seem to have had a grand time selling and swapping land.

General Floyd's Dishes

Among numerous items of china-ware, Staffordshire lustreware, glass and pottery in the valuable collection of Mrs. F. de Lancy Robinson of Greenport, now on exhibition at the County Historical Society Museum in Riverhead is the dinner set once owned by her ancestor, General William Floyd, and used in the Floyd homestead, still standing at Mastic. General Floyd was Long Island's only native-born Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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Schooner and Skipper

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and J. W. Ruk was steward. Including the crew there were 26 on board.

The Peconic Veterans sailed from the Southold wharf Aug. 18, 1888 on their 15th annual cruise, this time to Nantucket, returning eight days later. Captain Trume was in command of the schooner S. S. Scranton of Middletown, Conn., assisted by Captain Lewis Young and a crew which included Fred Ahlers, Walter Whitman and Louis Varewyck, a Belgian. All told there were on board 23 Veterans, invited guests and crew.

This was for the most part a Southold party. John Smith Howell was "Commodore." Besides him there were R. T. Goldsmith, Jeremiah G. Tut-hill, Jesse G. Case and son, whose names appear in lists of earlier cruises; also Jonathan Barnes Terry, Andrew Gildersleeve, John A. Appleby, Albertson Case, Silas F. Overton and son, William H. Terry, A. F. Lowerre, Charles B. Ackerly, S. M. Foster, J. C. Sweezy and a clergyman, Rev. John H. Ba'llou, pastor of the rejuvenated Southold Universalist Church.

Captain Preston was also a member of the Indian Neck "Crows" who met October 13, 1897 at the "fish house" on the shore of Peconic Bay at Indian Neck, Ashamomoque. George W. Young, prominent

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Gulls Worth Watching

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gulls quickly regain their balance and glance shyly about as though hoping no bird of any account had beheld their utter confusion and fear.

I saw a commercial fishing boat come through Fire Island Inlet and head up across the bay. It was followed by a great cloud of gulls grabbing discarded fish sections from the water as the fishermen cleaned their take on the way in. The birds settled and bobbed on the smoother bay water in the wake of the boat and ate the fish parts with more relish and decorum. The line must have extended over half a mile behind the ship. I have seen food thrown into the air from boats and grabbed by the gulls before it had turned to fall into the water.

Sea gulls are a most trusting bunch in that they take anything into their mouths without question—just open their bills and down it goes! One day while chumming up some weaks near Jones Inlet, a gull took my hook which was

baited with a worm. I had to reel him in and pull the hook loose from the inner part of his mouth. He was one startled and crazy bird when he found himself being hauled aboard a boat. He took off in a bee line for the meadows.

I wonder where the sea gulls disappear to when we have a big blow on the beach. A few years ago the end of a storm lashed our shores Thanksgiving time. I went down to the beach as the wind slowed off and found myself entirely alone—no birds of any kind, the dunes flooded, no life. Not even a gull! The following day the gulls and a few small birds had returned and none the worse for wear. Apparently they had not gone far. But I still wonder just where they manage to find protection from the gale and the storm.

Gulls become sick, grow old, and die on the higher part of the beach, that part between the dunes and the water. I have yet to find a carcass which was any more than skin and feathers stretched over empty bones. The insides are

always gone, and very cleanly gone at that. Insects are not present so I assume one of the smaller beach animals must be responsible for removing everything which can be eaten within the dead gull.

I believe sea gulls draw the line on eating their own kind, and so far as I have been able to learn that is about the only thing they decline. It is good to know there is a limit!

Occasionally a hard winter storm will throw up quantities of skimmers onto the beach. Upon freezing, these open an inch or more due to collapse of the muscles. Decay sets in with a rise in temperature and, if it were not for the sea gulls, the odor of the dead clams would be unbearable. The gulls never let things go that far. They are ready before the first skimmer thaws out and polish them off as fast as the sun warms them up. The gulls are wonderful scavengers and without them our beaches could be dirty, filthy places very different from the clean, beautiful stretches of sand

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cycle Railroad of 1892. The editor of the Forum has also told the story in his syndicated weekly newspaper column. We believe that following the bankruptcy of the company whose president was Fred W. Dunton, nephew of LIRR President Austin Corbin, the property was acquired by John Roe Smith, Patchogue real estate dealer.

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Fighting Blacksnakes

In the last several issues of your most interesting Forum there appeared in the Letters From Readers columns articles about snakes. I would like to add this one:

Back in 1899, my father purchased a "Walter A. Wood" mowing machine and would help out the neighbor farmers with their haying. My job consisted of walking in back of my father the first time around to clear away loose tree branches.

One morning we went over to Albert C. Young's farm which was situated between the Howard Jerome farm and Mrs. Delefield's farm on the North Road at Greenport. Between these farms was an old hedgerow and when we came around by this hedgerow cut came two big black snakes and boy, they really fought those mowing machine knives.

I was frightened to death and jumped on to the mowing machine and sat on the small tool box. The mowing machine knives cut the two of them into bits and believe it or not they were six feet long and about the size of a fork handle.

I have never recovered from this fright and a small garter snake makes chills run up my spine. I am not interested in whether they will bite or not.

Arch N. Young,
Mineola

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The Trees of Long Island

The above caption is the title of a pamphlet just issued as Publication No. 1 of The Long Island Horticultural Society. It was compiled by George H. Peters, generally recognized as the greatest authority on the subject, and chairman of the Society's Big Tree Census Committee. Needless to say, he has done a superb job.

The 64-page handsomely printed publication, with green-card covers, contains 22 half-tone illustrations of some of the island's most notable trees and tree collections. Besides dealing with trees in early island history, the author discusses many other phases of local horticulture.

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such as native species and their distribution, introduction of other species, outstanding collections, our biggest trees, some candidates for national big tree honors, and conclusions from the Society's big tree census.

Mr. Peters, who covered the subject of horticulture in Bailey's Long Island History (1949), also lists the island's ten largest white oaks. American elms, tuliptrees, and black walnuts. The frontispiece shows the nation's largest ailanthus which stands in the Village of Head of the Harbor, on the estate of Mrs. Francis Bacon III.

The pamphlet, which was prepared not simply for students of horticulture but for all persons who have a normal interest in trees, sells for \$1 and may be obtained from Miss Sophie L. Lauffer, executive secretary, 10 Westminster Street, Massapequa. There is also a running scale of prices for quantities.

It is indeed fitting that this first publication of the Society is dedicated "with gratitude and affection" to the memory of Mrs. Frank Melville Jr. of "Sunwood," Oldfields, (Stony Brook), "Director, Patron, Friend".

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Richard Cunningham McCormick

H. P. Horton's article in the Long Island Forum of November 1952 on Arizona's Long Island Governor, contains two mis-statements.

In the first place, Richard Cunningham McCormick was not born on Long Island, but on Jacob Street, near Frankfort Street, New York City, on May 23, 1832. His grandfather Hugh McCormick, was associated with Richard Cunningham under the firm name of Cunningham and McCormick, whose place of business in 1799 was at 47 Ferry Street, New York City. They were tanners and curriers.

In 1854 and 1855 Richard Cunningham McCormick traveled in Europe and was in the camps of the armies besieging Sebastopol in the Crimea. It was while on this trip that he sent letters that were published in New York newspapers.

Returning to New York he engaged in the tanning business with his father, whose name was also Richard Cunningham McCormick. Young McCormick became tired of the tanning business. He then was appointed special correspondent for the New York Evening Post and during the first and second years of the Civil War was stationed at Washington, D. C. and with the

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Army of the Potomac.

After his return from the west he lived in Jamaica and was active in community affairs. He was a leading spirit in the movement to have a State Normal School established in Jamaica, and for some years was the Chairman of its board of Managers. He also presented 500 books from his private library to the School. He did not die in 1902 but on June 2, 1901, in Jamaica.

George W. Winans,
Jamaica.

Editorial Note: Mr. Winans, a recognized authority on Jamaica history, is the author of an excellent factual book on the First Presbyterian Church of that community published in 1943. The church was organized in 1662 in what was then known as Rustdorp, only six years after the town itself was founded.

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Tuthill Got His Buck

I enjoyed that excellent article in the December Forum on the Rev. John Storrs, Southold's colonial pastor, by Dr. Huden and Prof. Tuthill, two native Long Islanders now connected with the University of Vermont.

I am wondering if this is the same Prof. Arthur F. Tuthill who, according to a Burlington, Vt. paper, broke all records at the start of the deer season in that State by shooting a buck within a stone's throw of his home a few seconds after the season opened.

C.H.E., Riverhead.

Editor's Note: Yes, Dr. Huden sent us a clipping of the event. Southold town has always been famous for its Nimrods.

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The Long Island Naturalist

Published by the Baldwin Bird Club, the above named magazine made its bow with the Autumn number. It will appear also in the Spring and the subscription rate for the two copies is 50 cents a year, or 35c for either single issue.

This first issue is a credit to the men and women who had a hand in it, among them some very prominent naturalists including the editor himself, Edwin Way Teale, nationally known author on nature subjects; Managing Editor Martha Meinke, Associate Editors John J. Elliott, Edmund Morgan and George H. Peters; Art Editor Sabra M. Kimball and Circulation Manager Mrs. James M. Sector. The latter's address is 19 Parkwood

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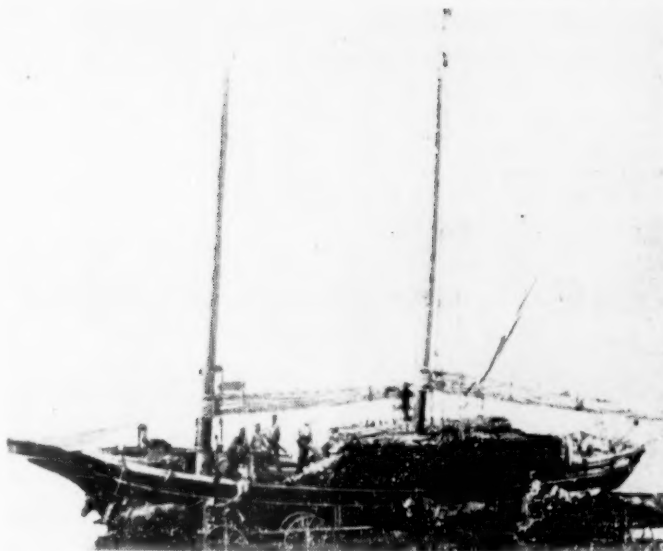
ment, was chosen chairman for the occasion and Henry S. Ackerly, secretary. Other Crows present were Charles O. Reeves, Captain Monroe L. Biggs, William Titus Ross, George B. Wells, Daniel G. Case, Henry D. Burton, William E. Shipman, A. E. Clark, Henry H. Thompson, Warren M. Young and Frank C. Jeffrey.

New members elected were: Chesmore W. Thorn, Robert Umstaetter, Samuel Taylor, Supervisor Henry A. Reeve, Theodore T. Clark and Joseph A. Bracey. The following ladies present were elected honorary Crows: Miss Bessie Clark, Mrs. Susie Post, Mrs. Melissa Clark, Mrs. Georgia Jeffrey and Mrs. Mabel Umstaetter.

Charles O. Reeves was appointed as a committee to supply wood for the fireplace at the next meeting. Henry D. Horton, George B. Wells and Daniel G. Case were chosen as a house committee. It was planned to meet again in October of 1898. Of that occasion I have no record, nor indeed until the Crows foregathered at their "nest" (the fish house at Indian Neck), Saturday, October 12, 1901.

Captain Trume was there as was also Captain Biggs. Chief Youngs was the holdover president, but was superseded by the election of William Shipman, the Greenport blacksmith. Captain Trume was made vice-president and Supervisor Reeve secretary. Others who came from Greenport in wagons were Frank C. Jeffrey, Henry H. Thompson, Henry C. Ford, Charles O. Reeves, Thomas Black, Joseph Bracey, William H. Conklin, William T. Ross, Warren M. Young, Willis Mitchell, Isaac Reeve and George H. Corwin Jr.

As invited guests also present were Leroy M. Raynor and John Geehreng, both of Greenport, and also Ernest Carter and Harry H. Strong, both of Manhattan. Raynor, a school-



Schooner "Olive Leaf" at Net Tuthill's Landing, Wading River, 1898

mate of mine at Greenport, became a lawyer. Geehreng, the tinsmith, brought along his silver cornet.

Over a "royal" fire, on the hearth hung a big kettle of clam chowder. Potatoes, corn, clams and oysters were roasted in the ashes. Geehreng regaled the assemblage with music and Crow Conklin said grace before the plates were passed. During the meal various Crows expressed themselves vocally, merrily and musically.

There presumably were ladies present, for after eating there occurred a dance on the sand outside the nest to the music of the tinsmith's horn. A number of sharp shooting Crows also fired at a mark. Following remarks by fledg-

ling Crows Raynor and Strong, it was time to eat roasted oysters and clams.


A committee to provide wood for the next annual gathering was named consisting of Crows Thompson and Charles A. Reeves. To provide for water and light, Crows Biggs and Jeffrey were named.

The final business was the initiation of invited guests which was done to the accompaniment of raucous cawing from the older birds.

Captain Trume Preston lived another decade continuing to serve the port as ship chandler and to enjoy many another festive occasion with the Hash Eaters, Peconic Veterans and Indian Neck Crows.

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of the Marietta Smith are now bleaching, perhaps on a South Side beach, the narrator knoweth not. A picture of the gallant and proud schooner hangs over the desk where Captain Trume sat at his ship charley and ruminated over the past.

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From the first issue we see that the new publication, though prepared by experts, is pleasingly non-technical, thus having an appeal to the normal observer of nature who is not necessarily a serious student thereof.

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with which we are familiar.

It seems to me that one of the most restful sights we can find is that of sea gulls leisurely and silently flapping along the dunes in the thickening dusk searching for a place to settle down for the night. They do not appear tired or weary but rather have a satisfied air about them giving the impression it had been another good day and they had not left things undone. They settle down in groups and are soon asleep after a round of jargon.

My copies (of the Forum) I punch and tie in pamphlet binders so that they will keep nicely for handy reference. They contain material of such permanent value and interest to all Long Islanders. Mrs. Samuel T. Swenarton, Little Neck.



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Rowdyism and Romance, 1861 Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood

This episode of nearly a century ago has interest not so much for its personnel, its coarse humor or its threatened tragedy, but more as a landmark or memorial of similar such incidents of rowdyism which were associated with matrimony in bygone years.

During the period just preceding the Civil War Charles Cooper of Quogue became enamored of Julia Dayon of East Quogue (old Atlanticville, changed to Forth Neck about 1858). Quite naturally on occasions Cooper visited his lady love at her home.

John Quinn, a youth of equal years and similar feelings toward the young lady, which obviously were not reciprocated, had the advantage of residence at the Neck.

One Sunday evening in 1861 Cooper, according to custom, drove over to Julia's family home where he spent the evening. When about to return to Quogue he found his buggy had disappeared. Portions of it were afterwards found scattered over an area of several miles.

On his lonely journey home via "Shank's mare" through the forests to the westward Cooper carried over his shoulder a borrowed double-barreled gun for his protection in case of a personal attack. Determined to end the uncertainty, he soon thereafter arranged with Julia for a speedy and secret marriage. Thus he thought to steal a march on his rival Quinn.

During the succeeding week Cooper went to Riverhead to purchase a suit of clothes for the happy occasion. Unfortunately for him, however, he was seen at the county seat by some of his rival's cohorts.

The next Sunday night Cooper and Julia drove to the residence of the Methodist clergyman at Forth Neck. He was not at home. Nothing daunted, the couple drove to Northampton, also in Southampton town. There they were duly married by a Rev. Mr. Johnson. Subsequently they returned to the home of the groom at Quogue.

Quinn, with a posse of associates variously estimated at the time to have numbered from 25 to 40, gathered in the yard of the Cooper home. They first proceeded to storm the outposts. Among their depredations was the demolition of the family hog pen. The cattle and horses were also turned loose.

According to a contemporary report, the hoodlums discharged several guns through the windows of the room where the bride and groom were assembled with their friends. Although only blank cartridges were used, the wads nevertheless tore into the opposite walls. One

wad just cleared the head of an aged woman. All of which goes to show that even in the so-called good old days the path of romance was not without its trials and tribulations.

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1873 Balloon Was Round

An undated, unidentified newspaper illustration sent in by a reader who believes it to be a sketch of the Daily Graphic balloon of 1873, mentioned in the December Forum, is obviously not the same. The balloon used by Prof. Donaldson in his unscheduled flight across Long Island from Brooklyn to Connecticut eighty years ago was round, not egg-shaped as the bag shown in the illustration. The latter, we surmise, existed only in the imagination of a long-ago artist.

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Indian Relic Well Buried

In 1808 an Indian pestle or pad-

dle was found on Shelter Island at a depth of 57 feet. Scientists were of the opinion that its discovery together with a mass of clam shells as well as beach gravel indicated that the relic belonged to Indians possibly far beyond the New England shores and that it and the shells and pebbles were caught up by the advancing glacier and left to rest far below the surface of what is now Shelter Island.

The fact of this discovery was familiar to the descendants of Lodowick Havens and Anthony Sherman of that Island. It occurred when Sherman was digging a well for Havens. It was communicated by General Dering after whom Dering Harbor takes its name to President Dwight of Yale College who recorded it in his Book of Travels (Vol. III, p. 298).

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood
Contributing Editor

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He Knew a Blacksnake

That story of Julian Smith's in the December Forum reminds me that some fifty years ago in Patchogue, a young naturalist named Percy Case who later became an M.D. and also a missionary in the Near East had a blacksnake along with other reptilian pets. The blacksnake became so tame that folks who once fondled it lost all aversion to snakes as a whole.

T.I.F., Patchogue.

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Woodford for Governor

Dr. Wood made his usual splendid contribution to the printed history of Long Island in telling about General Stewart L. Woodford's part in the Civil War. The general also ran for governor of New York in 1870.

Fred Pedrick,
Long Beach.

Editor's Note: Dr. Wood adds that Woodford was elected lieutenant-governor in 1866, was president of the Electoral College that named Grant for President in 1872, and was himself mentioned for vice-president of the United States in 1876. His mother's family (Terry) helped found Southold town in 1640.

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